

Amendments to the Abstract:

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ABSTRACT

A voice relaying apparatus includes a receiving section for receiving a cell from a network, a plurality of cell assembling/disassembling units for assembling and disassembling the cells, and a transmitting section for transmitting the cells assembled by each of the plurality of cell assembling/disassembling units. Each of the plurality of cell assembling/disassembling units is composed of a cell disassembling section for disassembling the cell received by the receiving section, a detecting section for detecting whether the voice relaying apparatus is carrying out a relay switch operation, and a cell assembling section for assembling the cell disassembled by the cell disassembling section and for sending the cell to the transmitting section if the detecting section detects that the voice relaying apparatus is carrying out the relay switch operation.